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McCone Pictures His CIA Job As All-Intelligence Coordinator



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Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), at right, greets Fred Korth before the start of a hearing yesterday by the Senate Armed Services Committee on Korth's nomina-

tion to be Secretary of the Navy. At center is John A. McCone, nominated for Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who also appeared.

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Central Intelligence Agency
Director John A. McCone disclosed yesterday a Presidential directive that he guide and coordinate "the total United States and foreign intelligence effort."

He did so at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on his confirmation. A favorable committee vote is expected on Monday.

McCone said he felt his post was "not a policy-making position" but that he would expect President Kennedy might ask "my personal opinion" due to his long prior service in government. He promised to keep the Committee informed and not to let his views be "colored or influenced," as Chairman Richard Russell (D-Ga.) put it, by any other Government agency.

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), not a Committee member, read a memorandum questioning the supervision of the agency and raising the old issue of McCone's attitude during the 1956 presidential campaign about a group of scientists who differed with him on the nuclear test ban issue.

Opposes Unpoliced Test Ban

In response to later questioning by Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), who strongly praised the nominee, McCone said that as a California Institute of Technology trustee he had "brought no formal charge" against the scientists. He said he had not "officially" sent anyone a copy of his letter of protest to the scientists.

As to his views, he said he was and continued to be "a strong supporter of massive retaliation" as a policy. But he also said the United States must be able to "conduct wars at various levels" of armaments. He said he was against an unpoliced test ban.

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